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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 2624

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/640,068 :  
FILED: AUGUST 17, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2624  
FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :  
SELECTIVELY APPLYING A  
SMOOTHING OPERATION TO IMAGE  
DATA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005, for the above-identified patent application, please consider the remarks below and amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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